

MYLES B. CAGGINS, JR.

Myles B. Caggins, Jr. is Founder and Principal at Kin Finder Group, LLC.

Established in 2014, Kin Finder Group, LLC uses genetic genealogy analysis to help individuals and governmental clients find DNA linked missing relatives, primary next of kin for military repatriations, and investigative leads for criminal cold case suspects.

Myles was born in Gulfport, Mississippi and became interested in genealogy while listening to oral history from his uncles and aunts and extended family throughout southern Mississippi. He has pursued a passion for genealogy over four decades researching family histories in the U.S. Southeast. He continues specific and extensive research on the 'Bay Indians' (Choctaws) of Article Fourteen in the Dancing Rabbit Creek Treaty; his maternal great-great grandmother Annie Randall was reported to be the oldest woman in the world when she died in 1925. He compiled archival documentation supporting family trees and histories for fifteen families; and has presented family tree history at more than 30 family reunions.

He sponsored the first Kin Finder Group, LLC genetic genealogy symposium in Crystal City, Virginia for those seeking unknown relatives and governmental attorneys in 2018.

He attended Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and earned a degree in Architecture and was commissioned second lieutenant, into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Over the course of his 24-years Army career, Myles served two combat tours in Vietnam; in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; and in 25 countries in the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Europe. Myles graduated from the National War College in 1985. After completing duties as Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer, U.S. Army South in Panama, he retired as Colonel in 1988. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Upon relocating to Columbus, Georgia, he served at Columbus Water Works and supervised innovative sewage treatment construction projects, and expansion of the Historic Columbus RiverWalk.

From 1999-2014, he served as Chief of Facilities and Operations (Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs) for the Muscogee County School District providing leadership for 1,200 employees and support services for the 32,000 students year-round; during his tenure, he was a key leader in the construction of the Columbus Library, and 16 schools.

After love at first sight, he married his wife Ann in 1966 at the Fort Benning Main Post Chapel. They have two adult children: Angela, a forensic genealogist with Kin Finder Group, LLC who resides with her family in Centreville, Virginia; and Myles III an Army colonel assigned as public affairs officer for III Corps in Fort Hood, Texas.

Among his continuing varied volunteer services, Myles serves as President of the 100 Black Men of Columbus, Inc., helping K-12 school age black boys to develop good character, social intelligence, and cultural awareness. He also serves as a deacon at the Edgewood Church of Christ.